

# ASHG AWARDS AND ADDRESSES

## 2015 ASHG Awards and Addresses

Each year at the annual meeting of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), addresses are given in honor of The Society and a number of award winners. A summary of each of these is given below. On the following pages, we have printed the presidential address and the addresses for the William Allan Award, the Curt Stern Award, and the Victor A. McKusick Leadership Award. Webcasts of these addresses, as well as those of many other presentations, can be found at <http://www.ashg.org>.

### Presidential Address

Neil J. Risch

have made significant contributions of exceptional quality and great importance to human genetics education.

### William Allan Award

The ASHG William Allan Award recognizes a scientist for substantial and far-reaching scientific contributions to human genetics. This award was established in 1961 in memory of William Allan, M.D. (1881–1943), one of the first American physicians to conduct extensive research on human genetics and hereditary diseases.

Recipient: Kay E. Davies  
Introduction: Gene S. Fisch

Recipients: Robert L. Nussbaum, Roderick R. McInnes, and Huntington F. Willard  
Introduction: Peter Byers

### Advocacy Award

The ASHG Advocacy Award honors individuals or groups who have exhibited excellence and achievement in applications of human genetics for the common good in areas such as facilitating public awareness of genetics issues, promoting funding for biomedical research, and integrating genetics into health systems.

Recipient: R. Rodney Howell  
Introduction: Michael Watson

### Curt Stern Award

The Curt Stern Award is given annually by ASHG in recognition of major scientific achievement that has occurred in human genetics in the last 10 years. This award honors the memory of Dr. Curt Stern (1902–1981), who served as ASHG president in 1956, as an outstanding pioneer in human genetics.

Recipient: Leonid Kruglyak  
Introductions: Elaine Ostrander

### C.W. Cotterman Awards

Each year, the Editorial Board of *The American Journal of Human Genetics* selects two articles that best represent outstanding contributions to the field of genetics. The awards go to the two best papers that were published in *The Journal* during the previous year and whose first author was a predoctoral or postdoctoral trainee and an ASHG member.

Recipients: Ronald Hause and Xin Li

### Victor A. McKusick Leadership Award

The ASHG Victor A. McKusick Leadership Award recognizes individuals whose professional achievements have fostered and enriched the development of human genetics, as well as its assimilation into the broader context of science, medicine, and health.

Recipient: Charles Scriver  
Introduction: David Valle

### ASHG/Charles J. Epstein Trainee Awards for Excellence in Human Genetics Research

ASHG honors excellence in research conducted by predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees through merit-based awards that recognize highly competitive abstracts submitted and presented at the ASHG Annual Meeting. These awards were renamed in 2012 to honor the late Dr. Charles Epstein, who was president of ASHG, former editor of *AJHG*, and winner of both the William

### Arno Motulsky-Barton Childs Award for Excellence in Human Genetics Education

The ASHG Award for Excellence in Human Genetics Education was established to recognize those who

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Allan Award and the Victor A. McKusick Leadership Award.

Abstract scoring is completed by the Program Committee, and the top-ranking abstracts are submitted to the Awards Committee, which selects 18 finalists prior to the Annual Meeting. Six winners are chosen after the committee members judge the finalists' presentations.

Recipients:

Richie Jeremian, *predoctoral*  
Suhas Rao, *predoctoral*  
Kaitlin Samocha, *predoctoral*  
Stefan Barakat, *postdoctoral*  
Alexander Gusev, *postdoctoral*  
Hagen Tilgner, *postdoctoral*